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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowability of claims 4-9 and the allowance of claim 10. Claims 1, 3 and 10 have been amended to more particularly define Applicants' claimed invention and to correct inadvertent typographical errors. Support for the amendment of claims 1, 3 and 10 can be found at page 3, line 25 and page 6, lines 16-28 of Applicants' specification. Claims 11-21 have been added to more particularly define Applicants' claimed invention. Support for added claims 11-21 can be found at page 3, line 23 through page 5, line 3, page 7, line 1 through page 10, line 22, and also Table 1 at page 11 of Applicants' specification.

The rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 3,035,978 is respectfully traversed.

In view of the amendment of independent claims 1 and 3 to remove iron, this rejection is deemed improper and should be withdrawn.

It is submitted that the above rejection also would not apply to any of newly added claims 11-21 since the substituents are limited to four carbons or less. Thus, the substituents cannot be pivalyl and neopentyl as in the cited reference US 3,035,978.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of record is improper and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are courteously solicited.

A response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2004 was due October 26, 2004. Accordingly, submitted herewith is a petition for an extension of time for three (3) months. Please charge any fees/surcharge which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Respectfully submitted,

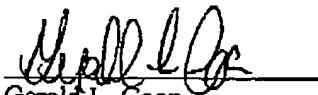
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